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GROUP

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1. WE AGREE WITH YOUR DESIRE TO KEEP STRONG PRESSURE ON
THE GOA IN THE HOPE OF ACHIEVING AN EARLY AND FAVORABLE
DECISION ON THE RESUMPTION OF OUR NPW VISITS TO AUSTRALIA.
HOWEVER, WE ARE ADVISED THAT LONG BEACH NOW IS FIRMLY COM-
MITTED TO OTHER OPERATIONS AND IS UNAVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE CORAL SEA TASK GROUP VISIT. WE ALSO ARE APPRISED
THAT NO NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINE (SSN) COULD BE
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MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE CORAL SEA VISIT, BUT THAT WITH SUF-

FICIENT LEAD TIME AN SSN COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR A VISIT AT A LATER DATE. FOR CLARIFICATION IN THIS REGARD, REFTEL B ADVISED THAT-NO NUCLEAR POWERED SURFACE WARSHIPS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE DEPLOYED TO WESTPAC FROM JUNE 1975 TO MAY 1976; SSNS WILL BE DEPLOYED IN WESTPAC DURING THIS PERIOD.

2. IN APPROACHING GOA FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUESTED BY REFTEL C, SUGGEST YOU POINT OUT THAT LONG BEACH RELUCTANTLY HAD TO BE DELETED FROM REQUEST DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS, THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE STATUS OF RESOLUTION

OF NPW VISIT ISSUE, AND THE SPECIFIC REQUEST BY DEFMIN BARNARD TO DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS (SEE REFTEL D). FURTHER, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO GOA THAT THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT A CHANGE IN OUR LONG HELD DESIRE TO RESUME NPW VISITS TO AUSTRALIA AND THAT WE DESIRE TO ARRANGE FOR A VISIT BY AN SSN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. KISSINGER

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